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SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN NUMBERS OF US PRESS AND THEIR TCN'S

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1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED REFTTEL. YOU SHOULD
APPEAL AGAIN TO NEWS REPS TO REDUCE SIZE OF THEIR STAFFS
ON THE GROUNDS THAT YOU CANNOT GUARANTEE THEIR DEPARTURE
ON USG-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION AT THE LAST MOMENT IF IT
SHOULD BECOME NECESSARY. WHILE THE COMPOSITION AND SIZE
OF THE REMAINING PRESS CORPS IS UP TO THEM TO DECIDE,
YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT AN EQUITABLE AND WORKABLE ARRANGE-
MENT COULD LEAVE ONE REPORTER FOR EACH COMPANY, A
NEWSFILM POOL AND A STILL PIX POOL. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST
THAT REPS OF READER'S DIGEST, HARPER'S AND THE TWO
FREELANCERS MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER DEPARTING WITH OUR
HELP NOW. WE ARE AWARE OF NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIST-
ING AFP INASMUCH AS ITS REP IS NOT AMERICAN NOR IS HIS
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ORGANIZATION. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THESE ARE OUR

SUGGESTIONS BUT THAT THE DECISIONS ARE UP TO THE NEWSMEN
AND THEIR COMPANIES WITH WHOM WE ARE IN CONTACT AS IN PARA
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2. THE DEPARTMENT IS CALLING LOCAL BUREAU CHIEFS AND, IN
CASES WHERE NONE EXIST IN WASHINGTON, THEIR HOME OFFICES
TO INFORM THEM OF APPROACH YOU ARE NOW TAKING PER PARA. 1,
ADDING THAT WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE CONTINUED
SAFETY OF THE STAFF MEMBERS, AND URGE THAT THEY SUPPORT
THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS BY INSTITUTING A STAFF REDUCTION AT
ONCE. WE WILL ALSO SUGGEST THAT THEY CONSIDER AN
ARRANGEMENT ALONG THE LINES IN 1 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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